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For: Operation Microscope with an Illuminating Device

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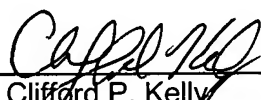
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed November 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.